School Safety at NNSC

Promising Practices Making It Happen

North Newton School Corporation is Making it Happen!



WE ARE a rural school corporation in Northwest Indiana. We serve about 1,400 students in four buildings.

our students & families live in rural areas for the most part, with only Morocco being an incorporated town. We have about 50% free/reduced lunch. We have US 41 and Interstate 65 close to all our schools.

OUR TEACHERS all of our teachers are trained in school safety procedures each quarter. At each professional development session, twice per month, a school safety item is presented.

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE is to have a larger focus on school safety. We now have added 16 Indiana Department of Education School Safety Specialist in the last three years. We have re-keyed all schools, have additional card access points, and all schools now have a secure entrance. By ensuring the safety of our students, this one factor allows them to concentrate on their education.

our steps have been a three year plan to improve school safety. We now have over 20 school safety specialists, which all have a school safety backpack now. Each also have a handheld radio. We have also added over 80 hand held radios which are used for any event outside the buildings....even recess. Those on recess duty also have vest to wear so that they can be spotted easily. We have added over 50 Internet Protocol cameras around our corporation. We also have our own smartphone APP that allows for reporting of bullying and other incidents.

IN OUR OWN WORDS

"School safety is vital to the educational growth of our students. When students, staff, and the school community feel safe while at school, this allows for education not to be disrupted." Mr. Kelly Shepherd, Lincoln Elementary Principal.